



## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**

**Fort Benning, GA**

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**FORT BENNING** – Fort Benning's garrison commander, Col. Keith Lovejoy, will be the keynote speaker at a Memorial Day ceremony at 9 a.m., May 28 at the Main Post Cemetery.

The public is invited to attend.

Drivers of unregistered vehicles will need to stop at the visitor's center on Benning Road and show driver's license, proof of registration and vehicle insurance to obtain a visitor's pass. All persons entering post must be prepared to show valid ID at the security checkpoint.

Memorial Day commemorates soldiers who have died in defense of our country. More than 1 million soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice are buried in cemeteries across the United States and in foreign lands.

Memorial Day was first observed formally in 1868, following a Columbus, Miss., tradition of cleaning and decorating the graves of Confederate soldiers on Decoration Day. The practice soon included the graves of Union soldiers and eventually spread to other communities.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 706-545-4591. After duty hours and on weekends, call 706-545-2218. Media wishing to attend this event should call Public Affairs to arrange an escort.

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